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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRAVEL - JUNE 1978

REF: (A) MOSCOW 14164, (B) MOSCOW 14337, (C) MOSCOW
15496, (D) MOSCOW 3390

1. TRAVEL STATISTICS FOR JUNE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REQUESTS: 61
DESTINATIONS: 109
TRAVELERS: 119
SELF-CANCELLED: 8
REFUSED/ALTERED: 5
EXCEPTIONS GRANTED: 3 (ONE 24-HR.; TWO 48-HR.)

2. TRAVEL REFUSALS/ALTERATIONS: ON JUNE 20, MFA
PROTOCOL OFFICER VASILYIEV INFORMED TRAVEL OFFICER THAT
REQUEST BY SECOND SECRETARY MORRIS HUGHES AND WIFE TO
TRAVEL TO TALLINN AND RIGA JUNE 20-23 WAS REFUSED FOR
"REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE" (ROTN). IN
RELATED CASES, EMBOFFS HUGHES AND SMITH WERE DENIED
PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO KALUGA JUNE 4-8 FOR ROTN AND
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HAD MODE OF TRAVEL CHANGED FROM CAR TO TRAIN FOR JUNE
7-9 KALUGA TRIP 9 REF B0.

3. ON JUNE 9, MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER VACHNADZE INFORMED
TRAVEL OFFICER THAT REQUEST BY FIRST SECRETARY THOMAS
MCNAMARA AND WIFE TO TRAVEL TO SERNIY ZAVOD JUNE 19
WAS DENIED FOR ROTN. REMAINDER OF JUNE 15-19 TRIP TO

SAMARKAND AND ASHKHABAD WAS REGISTERED. THIS IS SECOND TIME IN TWO ATTEMPTS THAT ACCESS HAS BEEN DENIED TO ALLEGEDLY NEWLY-OPENED AREA OF SERNIY ZAVOD (REF. D).

4. ON JUNE 22, VACHNADZE INFORMED TRAVEL OFFICER THAT REQUEST BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL RAY AND ELLEN LANGSTON TO TRAVEL TO VLADIMIR-SUZDAL AND PALEKH JUNE 23-25 COULD NOT BE REGISTERED AS FILED. VACHNADZE EXPLAINED THAT LANGSTONS COULD NOT GO DIRECTLY FROM VLADIMIR-SUZDAL TO PALEKH BY CAR, BUT WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO MOSCOW, TAKE TRAIN TO IVANOVO AND RENT INTOURIST CAR TO PALEKH. LANGSTONS DROPPED PALEKH PORTION OF TRIP AND SETTLED FOR VLADIMIR-SUZDAL.

5. KAP TRAVEL REFUSAL: KAP CHIEF ROBIN PORTER WAS INFORMED ON JUNE 29 THAT HIS REQUEST TO TRAVEL JULY 1 TO MEZHIRICH (KANYEV RAYON, CHERKASSKAYA OBLAST"X') HAD NOT BEEN REGISTERED BECAUSE KANYEV RAYON IS "PRESENTLY CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS." (REF C). EMBASSY CHECK OF CLOSED AREA REGULATIONS INDICATES THAT KANYEV RAYON IS OPEN. KAP NOTES THAT AMERICAN IREX XCHOLAR OLGA SOFFER IS TAKING PART IN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS AT MEZHIRICH, AND THAT KANYEV ITSELF IS MAJOR TOURIST SITE FOR FOREIGNERS SINCE IT IS LOCATION OF SHEVCHENKO MUSEUM AND TOMB. THEREFORE, UKMFA DENIAL APPEARS ARBITRARY.

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6. EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON RETALIATION. TOON

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